Natural Resources Conservation Service

Application Ranking Summary

Lower South Platte WS - All Lands/Animal Waste Mgm

Program:	**Ranking Date:**	**Application Number:**
Ranking Tool: Lower South Platte WS - All Lands/Animal Waste Mgm		**Applicant:**
Final Ranking Score:		**Address:**
Planner:		**Telephone:**
Farm Location:		

National Priorities Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Quality – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
1. c. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a water body?	Yes O or No O
1. b. Reduce sediment, nutrients or pesticides from agricultural operations located within a field that adjoins a designated impaired water body?	Yes O or No O
1. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to animal feeding operations, or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
Clean and Abundant Water: Water Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
2. c. Conserve water in an area where the applicant participates in a geographically established or watershed-wide project?	Yes O or No O
2. b. Conserve water from irrigation system improvements and result in estimated water savings of at least 5% and saved water will be available for other beneficial uses?	Yes O or No O
2. a. Increase groundwater recharge in identified groundwater depletion areas (http://water.usgs.gov/ogw/rasa/html/TOC.html)?	Yes O or No O
Clean Air: Treatment of Air Quality from Agricultural Sources – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
3. c. Increase carbon sequestration?	Yes O or No O
3. b. Reduce green house gases such as methane, nitrous oxide, and volatile organic compounds (VOC)?	Yes O or No O
3. a. Meet regulatory requirements relating to air quality or proactively avoid the need for regulatory measures?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils Erosion Reduction – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
4. a. Reduce erosion to tolerable limits (Soil “T”)?	Yes O or No O
Healthy Plant and Animal Communities Wildlife Habitat Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
5. b. Retain wildlife and plant benefits on land exiting the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)?	Yes O or No O
5. a. Benefit threatened and endangered, at-risk, candidate, or species of concern as identified in a State wildlife plan?	Yes O or No O
High Quality, Productive Soils, Healthy Plant and Animal Communities: Special Environmental Efforts/Initiatives – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	
6. e. Implement precision agricultural methods?	Yes O or No O
6. d. Implement an Integrated Pest Management plan?	Yes O or No O
6. c. Properly dispose of animal carcasses?	Yes O or No O
6. b. Increase, improve or establish pollinator habitat?	Yes O or No O
6. a. Eradicate or control noxious or invasive species?	Yes O or No O
Strategic Initiative – Energy Conservation and Sustainable Production Energy Conservation – Will the proposed project assist the producer to:	

7. a. Reduce energy consumption on the agricultural operation?	Yes O or No O
Business Lines – Conservation Implementation Additional Ranking Considerations - Will the proposed project result in:	
8. b. Improvement of existing conservation practices or conservation systems already in place at the time the application is accepted, or will complete an existing conservation system?	Yes O or No O
8. a. Implementation of all planned conservation practices within three years of contract obligation?	Yes O or No O
Does the applicant meet the following conditions:	
9. c. Is this the applicant's first EQIP application?	Yes O or No O
9. b. Did the applicant successfully complete any past contract(s) in full compliance?	Yes O or No O
9. a. If the applicant has an existing EQIP contract, has it been, and is it now, on schedule and in full compliance?	Yes O or No O

State Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Will the project reduce the amount of nutrients/pesticides/salt/selenium or other pollutants entering ground or surface waters?	Yes O or No O
2. Will the planned practice(s) promote water conservation on the contracted acres?	Yes O or No O
3. Does the project increase the diversity of desirable plants on grazing lands?	Yes O or No O
4. Does the project improve the health of riparian and/or wetland areas?	Yes O or No O
5. Is the proposed project located within the State NRCS wildlife priority area, and do the planned practices address the habitat needs of the targeted species designated in the wildlife priority area?	Yes O or No O
6. Will the planned practice(s) reduce irrigation induced or streambank erosion?	Yes O or No O
7. Has any portion of the offered acreage been set aside or inventoried by a Cultural Resources Specialist or Archaeologist?	Yes O or No O
8. Does the proposed project support organic transition (farming operation to be used while transitioning from conventional to organic production)?	Yes O or No O

Local Issues Addressed

Issue Questions	Responses
1. Are Collection and Transport facilities on the project area non-existent? (Refers to the practices needed to gather and move the waste to where it will be stored, treated, or otherwise managed prior to it's end use. This would include runoff collection channels, diversions, pipes, sumps, conveyors, gutters, and similar equipment. Does not include tractors, scrapers, etc., for handling manure in feedlots.)	Yes O or No O
2. Are there existing Collection and Transport facilities on the project area that are inadequate? (Refers to the practices needed to gather and move the waste to where it will be stored, treated, or otherwise managed prior to it's end use. This would include runoff collection channels, diversions, pipes, sumps, conveyors, gutters, and similar equipment. Does not include tractors, scrapers, etc., for handling manure in feedlots.)	Yes O or No O
3. Are Waste Storage facilities on the project area non-existent? (Storage refers to practices such as stacking areas for solids or holding ponds and tanks for liquids where waste is retained until it is land applied or taken offsite.)	Yes O or No O
4. Are there existing Waste Storage facilities on the project area that are inadequate? (Storage refers to practices such as stacking areas for solids or holding ponds and tanks for liquids where waste is retained until it is land applied or taken offsite.)	Yes O or No O
5. Are Treatment Facilities on the project area non-existent? (Refers to practices required to change the characteristics of the waste to facilitate proper management. This would include a composting facility, solid/liquid separation, anaerobic lagoon, etc.)	Yes O or No O
6. Are there existing Treatment Facilities on the project area that are inadequate? (Refers to practices required to change the characteristics of the waste to facilitate proper management. This would include a composting facility, solid/liquid separation, anaerobic lagoon, etc.)	Yes O or No O
7. Are Transfer Facilities on the proposed project non-existent? (Refers to the practices required to move the waste from a storage or treatment area to a land application area, such as a pump and pipeline between a holding pond and an irrigation sytem)	Yes O or No O

8. Are there existing Transfer Facilities on the proposed project that are inadequate? (Refers to the practices required to move the waste from a storage or treatment area to a land application area, such as a pump and pipeline between a holding pond and an irrigation sytem)	Yes O or No O
9. Are Land Treatment practices on the project area non-existent? (Refers to practices required on or near te fields receiving manure to reduce a risk index, control erosion, or provide a buffer to a sensitive area, such as a terrace or a filter strip.)	Yes O or No O
10. Are Land Treatment practices being carried out on the project area, but they are inadequate? (Refers to practices required on or near te fields receiving manure to reduce a risk index, control erosion, or provide a buffer to a sensitive area, such as a terrace or a filter strip.)	Yes O or No O
11. Are Air Resource Management practices on the project area non-existent? (Refers to practices required to address odors, dust, or other airborne contaminants that have not been covered by one of the functions above, such as installation of a windbreak around a feedlot.)	Yes O or No O
12. Are Air Resource Management practices being carried out on the project area, but they are inadequate? (Refers to practices required to address odors, dust, or other airborne contaminants that have not been covered by one of the functions above, such as installation of a windbreak around a feedlot.)	Yes O or No O
13. Is there an existing facility on the project area that is within the 100 year Floodplain?	Yes O or No O
14. Is there an existing facility in the project area with Depth to Groundwater of 10 feet or less?	Yes O or No O
15. Is there an existing facility in the project area with Depth to Groundwater of 11-25 feet?	Yes O or No O
16. Is there an existing facility in the project area with Depth to Groundwater of 26-50 feet?	Yes O or No O
17. Is there an existing facility in the project area with Depth to Groundwater of greater than 50 feet?	Yes O or No O
18. Has a Comprehensive Nutrient Management Plan (CNMP) been developed but not fully implemented for this facility? (If yes, a copy must be provided to by the applicant to NRCS prior to completion of this ranking.)	Yes O or No O
19. Does the proposal address energy conservation with the application of a Conservation Power Plant (practice code 716)?	Yes O or No O

Land Use:

Resource Concerns	Practices

Ranking Score

Efficiency:
Local Issues:
State Issues:
National Issues:
Final Ranking Score:

This ranking report is for your information. It does not in any way guarantee funding. When funding becomes available, you will be notified if your application is selected for funding. Some changes to the application may be required before a final contract is awarded.

Notes:

NRCS Representative: **Signature Date:**	**Application Signature Not Required for Contract Development unless required by State policy:** **Signature Date:**